

Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary

1871 Wallace School Road
Charleston, SC 29407

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	569 Students	
Principal	Catherine Middleton	843-763-1555
Superintendent	Dr. Nancy J. McGinley	843-937-6319
Board Chair	Mrs. Cindy Bohn Coats	843-529-2457

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

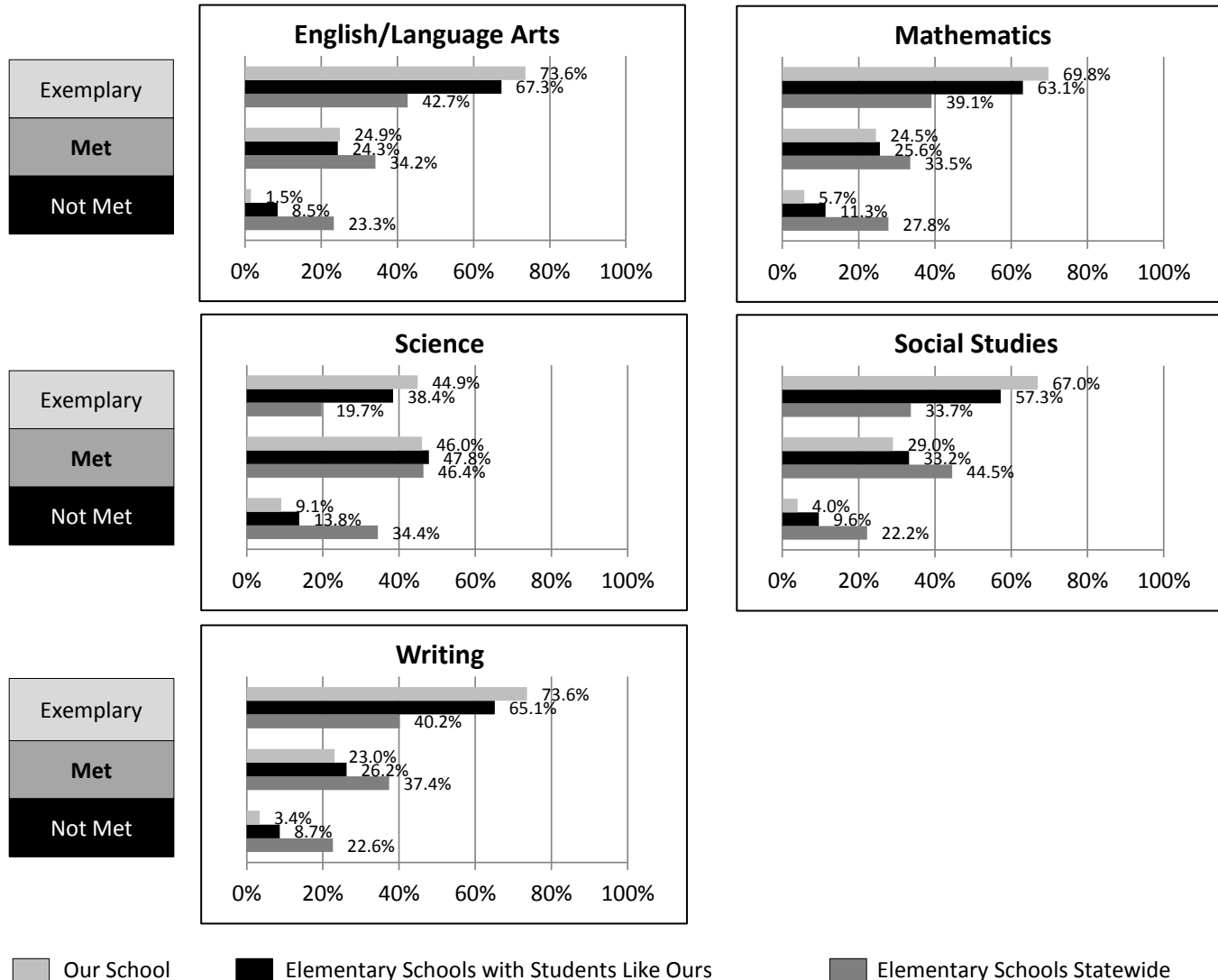
100.0%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
17	0	1	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 569)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.6%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	97.6%	Up from 97.2%	97.2%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.8%	Down from 23.1%	18.9%	7.3%
With disabilities	11.3%	Down from 13.5%	10.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	1.2%	Up from 1.0%	0.8%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 43)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.1%	No change	64.0%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	88.4%	No change	86.2%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.6%	Up from 91.8%	90.7%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.1%	Up from 96.4%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,839	Up 1.3%	\$49,663	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	11.6 days	Down from 12.7 days	11.0 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Down from 19.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.6 to 1	Down from 20.8 to 1	21.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.1%	Up from 93.0%	91.5%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,255	Up 6.5%	\$7,557	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.6%	Up from 68.0%	68.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	67.9%	Down from 68.0%	67.9%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Ashley River Creative Arts continues to strive for excellence as we complete the 30th year of serving families in the West Ashley Community. Our arts-infused curriculum based on State Standards enhances learning for students and has been nationally recognized this year as a program of excellence. There has been a transition in leadership with the retirement of Jayne Ellicott, who helped to shape and form the model of excellence at Ashley River. We are grateful for her service and vision.

We celebrate the A (100 points) rating on AYP for 2013 and our Excellent/Good Report Card Ratings. We continue to study the data, refine the program and find ways to meet the challenges of every child. We believe all children can learn in an arts environment and are proud that we received a Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap from the State.

We expanded our professional development opportunities this year to include an Arts Conference for the 5 arts schools in Charleston. National, state and local experts on Arts Integration presented workshops for teachers and leaders. Several of our teachers have presented at conferences this year on Arts Integration. Lisa Trott has represented Ashley River as the Charleston County Teacher of the Year and Ashley Harris was named the Green Liaison of the Year. We have increased the amount of materials that are being composted and recycled as we teach children the value of helping our earth. Our School Improvement Council has also encouraged the composting, recycling, healthy eating campaign with finishing the exercise trail, painting new activities on the playground, partnering with EarthFare to have students taste new and different foods, and sending healthy eating tips to parents in the eBlasts. They also helped to sponsor our Birthday Celebration in the cafeteria once a month with healthy treats.

Arts Integration is the heart of who we are. Our theme, "Nothin' Could be Finer than the Arts in Carolina" show we believe the arts help our students achieve at very high levels. They motivate us to work harder and to offer students opportunities that enlighten and enrich their learning. We had wonderful artists like Laura Rich, HungryMonks, Nancy Baskel, Jef Lambdin, and The Plantation Singers and many others to thank for Engaging Creative Minds and our DAP and ABC Grants. These residencies are times that students and teachers learn from artists and connect learning to the world around them. A huge recognition for Ashley River happened this year when Claudia Cornett published her 5th Edition of Creating Meaning Through Literature and the Arts. As the featured school, this book showcases our teachers and is used in college classrooms across the world to teach teachers how to implement Arts Integration. We are very fortunate to be a part of this endeavor.

Our parent and community support continues to help Ashley River Creative Arts expand horizons for students. Your time and support are vital to our success. We are privileged to have your children in our school and are grateful that you picked us as your school of choice. We will continue to strive to fulfill our mission of integrating the arts to provide students with a strong academic curriculum.

Cathy Middleton, Principal

Jennifer Smith, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	10	87	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.4%	95.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.1%	97.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	93.1%	87.9%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	96.8
Overall Grade Conversion	A

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
X	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State	
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.5	3.2%	
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.9	7.3%	
	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	97.6%	94.0%*	Yes
			State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)			61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials			0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 3-5							
All Students	673.6	682.9	662.0	680.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	667.1	685.5	663.2	682.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Female	679.6	680.5	660.8	677.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	678.5	690.8	668.7	689.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
African American	646.2	637.0	N/A	635.7	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	629.5	626.9	N/A	624.9	100.0	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	648.1	653.8	N/A	628.2	100.0	100.0	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	96	676.7	100.0	96	648.1	100.0
	4	98	664.8	100.0	98	672.9	100.0
	5	97	682.6	100.0	97	656.9	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	47	659.3	100.0	50	661.8	100.0
	4	98	650.7	100.0	98	692.4	100.0
	5	49	656.8	100.0	48	684.4	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	94	680.7	100.0	94	677.0	100.0
	4	93	666.8	100.0	93	678.1	100.0
	5	97	673.1	100.0	97	693.3	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	46	658.5	100.0	48	666.5	100.0
	4	92	655.6	100.0	93	685.9	100.0
	5	49	677.1	100.0	48	683.1	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	1001091
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	649.8	650.2	631.4	653.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	645.0	651.2	632.0	655.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	655.0	649.1	630.7	651.6	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	679.5	684.6	664.1	683.4	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	621.0	614.6	597.3	623.9	99.6	99.8	99.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	679.0	697.7	668.6	682.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	626.4	631.0	613.1	638.2	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	593.7	588.8	578.8	605.4	98.9	99.5	99.6	N/A
Limited English Proficient	624.2	630.5	610.5	634.9	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	623.4	619.8	602.6	626.7	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	635.0	642.3	641.9	645.6	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	628.2	641.1	640.6	649.3	99.8	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	642.1	643.5	643.3	641.6	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	666.5	673.9	675.3	676.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	602.4	607.9	606.3	612.4	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.6	695.7	685.8	688.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	614.7	627.1	622.0	631.9	99.6	99.6	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	571.8	583.6	581.4	593.4	99.4	99.5	99.4	N/A
Limited English Proficient	610.7	628.2	618.9	632.0	99.7	99.7	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	606.1	612.3	610.6	616.4	99.8	99.8	99.9	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	234.2	228.4	86.1	77.4	99.0	98.9	100.0	80.4
Male	230.7	229.0	86.0	78.2	98.6	98.4	100.0	74.3
Female	237.6	227.7	86.1	76.5	99.3	99.4	100.0	86.6
White	246.8	243.6	92.4	81.6	99.4	99.4	100.0	88.5
African American	218.9	208.8	77.5	71.7	98.4	98.3	100.0	71.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	243.0	253.4	92.2	85.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	86.2
Hispanic	225.8	221.6	80.7	74.7	100.0	99.4	100.0	74.4
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	204.5	196.4	71.0	68.4	97.6	96.9	100.0	34.7
Limited English Proficient	215.6	214.6	76.8	71.7	100.0	99.1	100.0	73.3
Subsidized Meals	219.5	210.5	78.0	72.0	98.6	98.5	100.0	70.7
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	1001091
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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